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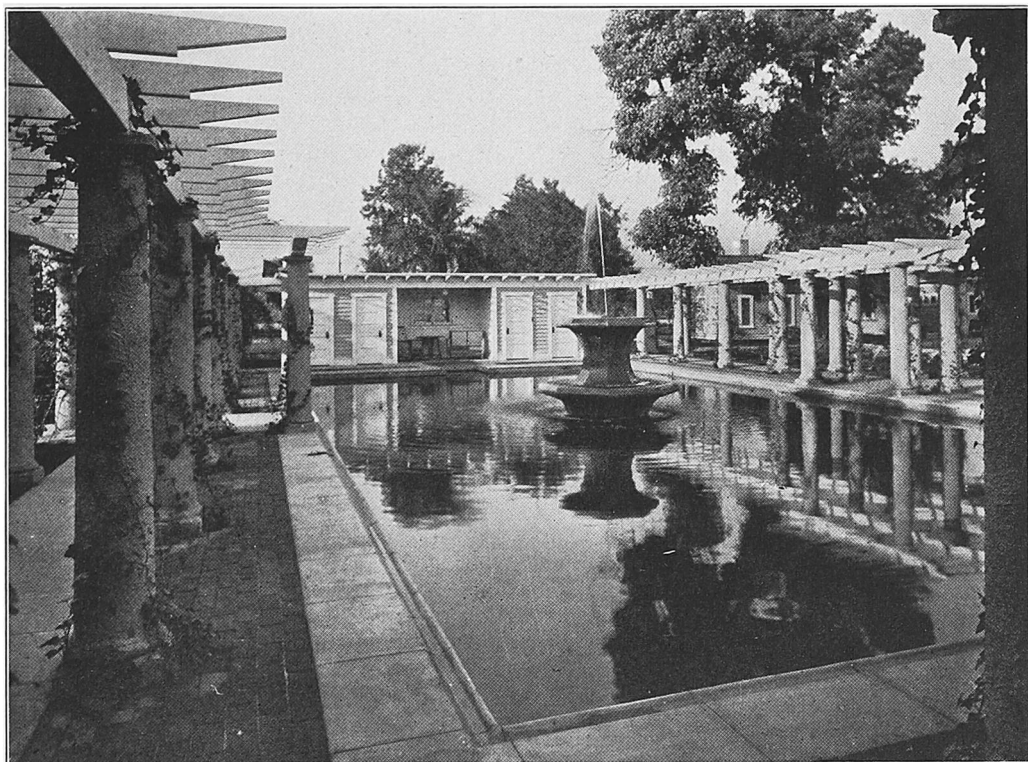
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A GARDEN SWIMMING-POOL SURROUNDED BY A PERGOLA

## THE GARDEN SWIMMING-POOL

BY CHARLES ALMA EYERS

HAD he lived in that Once-Upon-a-Time he might have been common, and his kind may also become common in some To-morrow, but he—this man I have in mind—lives in the To-day. Therefore, he must be introduced as an Unusual Man. He is a business man, and a very successful one even judged by those standards we commonly employ in such matters; yet he believes in reaping a little of the enjoyment of life from each day he lives. The "mad rush" engages him only in his hours of work; at other times he is a conscientious seeker of the things that give tranquillity of mind and revigoration of body. In other words, he hasn't forgotten how to play, nor how to enjoy it. That perhaps is partly because of his philosophy, which he consistently transmutes into practice. It is: The more ways we discover and utilize for anchoring ourselves to Youth, the slower shall be our drift toward Age.

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Although he has risen to eminence, this man is still very much a boy. Despite the climb that has since intervened, ever green and beloved in his memory are his urchin days of bare-feet and rags—his games on the vacant lot, his duckings and sports in the "ole swimmin' hole," his angling experiences with bent-pin and worm, and all those other briefly snatched enjoyments of the healthy-minded lad. And instead of trying to forget them, as if ashamed, he has merely modified them and otherwise dignified them to a higher plane, with reverence and understanding. Hence, in his home, located in the

suburbs of a large city, he has surrounded himself with the things that not alone please the eye but that also afford pleasure and health and beguilement-from-business influences. It is a "show place," but it is also something more; and, above all, that something more is utilized.

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And because the "ole swimmin' hole" was an enjoyment of his boyhood, he has one to-day. It, however, is called a private swimming-pool. There are friends of his who also have similar pools, but their pools are mostly for show; his is for use. Yet it is elegantly appointed—an appropriate embellishment to his imposing grounds. Briefly, it is a thing both utilitarian and æsthetic.

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Since he lives in a suburban district governed by rigid restrictions, his home is of quite formal appearance. His swimming-pool, therefore, is also of formal design. It is surrounded by a pergola with classic white pillars, over which trail delicate traceries of green and blossom-laden vines. Farther removed, further assisting in screening the pool from prying eyes, are wall-like plantings of trees and other tall-growing foliage. The pergola itself covers a cement-paved walk, and into the scheme are also worked inviting seats, flashing fountains, and so forth. And in the placid gleaming pool are mirrored the flowers and trees and vine-draped columns that hedge it in. Altogether it is a thing of charm and beauty.

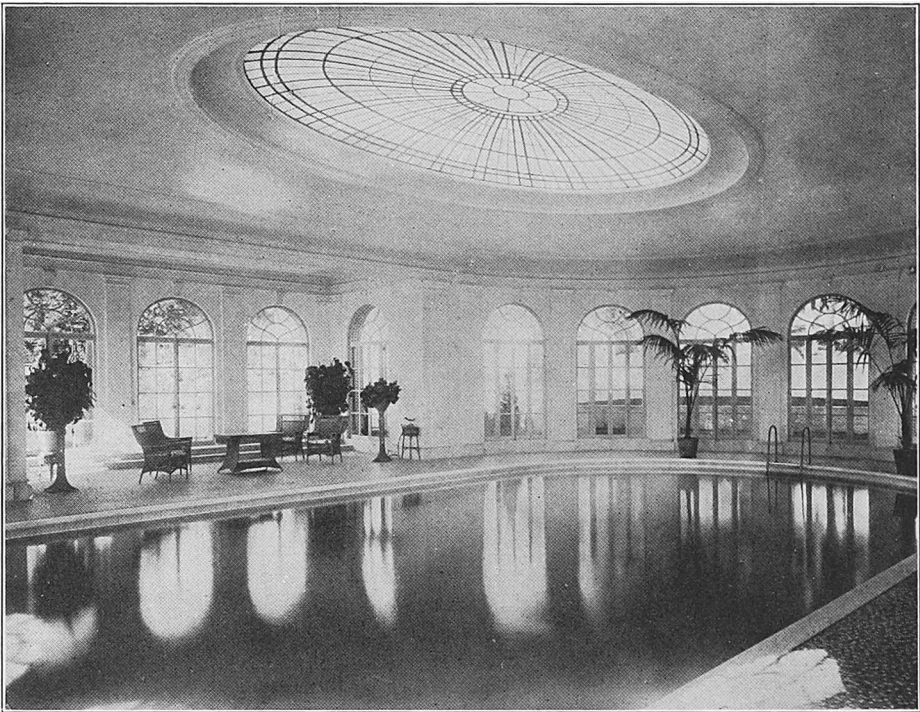
And, since it is for daily use, in season, the swimming-pool is conveniently located near the house. The basin is of considerable dimensions, of rectangular shape, and is both walled and floored with concrete, so that it may be easily kept clean. It is provided with intake and outlet pipes, to assure a constantly changing water supply, and so regulated as to keep the water at a fixed level. It also is so designed that it may be occasionally emptied entirely, that it may be cleaned of leaves and other dirt. It graduates in depth from a few inches at one end to several feet at the other. This makes it adaptable to the use of his children, as well as to himself. And while it may be used only a portion of the year, he has equipped the pool with hot-water pipes to make the usable season as long as possible. Its equipment, in fact, even includes a spring-board.

This man's swimming-pool also serves yet another purpose. Besides admirably attaining its primary object and comprising an embellishment to the grounds, it constitutes a reservoir as well, for its waste water is carried by drain-pipes to various parts of the garden and there used not only for

irrigating as required but to create miniature garden streams.

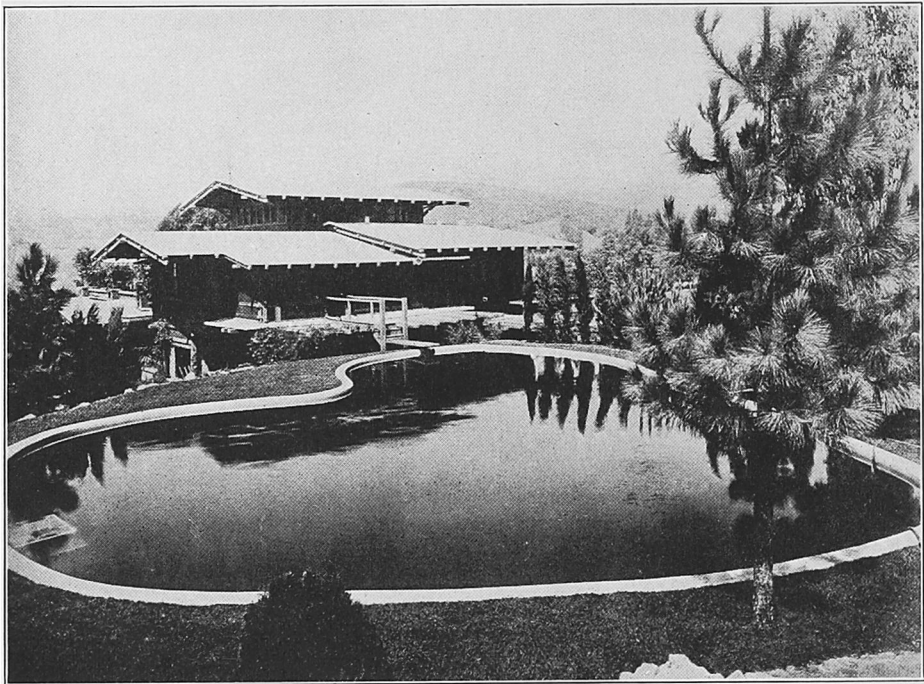
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This man has planned his entire home on the same general principle. And because it affords him much enjoyment, he finds much time for enjoying it; and because he still knows how to seek and find enjoyment, enjoyment that benefits, he remains reasonably safely anchored to Youth, in both mind and body.



A PRIVATE INDOOR SWIMMING-POOL THAT MAY BE USED THE ENTIRE YEAR

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